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2.	Food Cluster for Women Entre-preneurs in Gulburga	Project cost : GoI assistance : Contribution of SPV:	7.00 6.30 0.70	Project cost : GoI assistance : Govt. of Karnataka : Contribution of SPV :	23.00 15.70 5.00 2.30

Closure of SSIs due to rise in prices of metals

†106. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an increase of 30-50 per cent in the prices of metals during last few months;

(b) whether, as a result of this, some small scale industries are on the verge of shutting down;

(c) the percentage of decrease in the production of these industries during last six months;

(d) whether concerned industrial organizations have apprised Government of their concerns; and

(e) whether special efforts are being made to provide relief to these small enterprises operating throughout the country and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir. There has been an increase in price of ferrous metal to the extent of 30-50%, non-ferrous metal 11-12% in recent past. However, since May 2008, as per information available, there has been no increase in prices.

(b) and (c) No Sir. Government has no such information/data.

(d) Yes Sir.

(e) Union Government has made efforts to provide relief to the small industry. These are as follows;

(i) Providing rebate @ Rs. 550/- tonne from Steel Development Fund (SDF) and Rs. 400/- tonne as transportation cost.

(ii) Price contracts to deliver materials, at least for three months, on mutual agreement.

(iii) Delivery of small quantities of steel to small-scale industries directly by producers.

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